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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY TO THE DCI FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: NRO Comments on the Satellite Reconnaissance
Security Policy Alternatives

REFERENCE: Your Memo, 5 Sep 78, IC 78-5244

I have reviewed the proposed issue paper for the 13 September SPRC. I have no fundamental problem with developing a carefully thought out procedure for declassifying the "fact of" photo reconnaissance from space. In doing this there are two things that must be carefully considered:

1. Means must be provided to make certain that overhead SIGINT systems can be kept classified. In fact, I would urge that the classification level of these satellite systems be raised.
2. We must anticipate a heavy demand for the products of photo reconnaissance both from U.S. and foreign sources. Once the "fact of" photo reconnaissance is declassified, we need to have a policy that governs the release of the product.

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